



BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999

Bethel Census Area , Alaska [02050]

Bethel Census Area is one of 27 counties in Alaska. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 1999 population of 15,841 ranked 6th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Bethel Census Area had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$17,813. This PCPI ranked 26th in the state and was 63 percent of the state average, \$28,100, and 64 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected a decrease of 2.3 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 2.0 percent and the national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Bethel Census Area was \$13,203 and ranked 23rd in the state. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 2.7 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Bethel Census Area had a total personal income (TPI) of \$282,174*. This TPI ranked 9th in the state and accounted for 1.6 percent of the state total. In 1989 the TPI of Bethel Census Area was \$181,049* and ranked 10th in the state. The 1999 TPI reflected a decrease of 0.7 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 2.8 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Bethel Census Area. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 60.1 percent of TPI (compared with 66.7 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 10.1 percent (compared with 11.1 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 29.8 percent (compared with 22.3 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings decreased 4.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 2.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.6 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 3.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.6 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Bethel Census Area decreased from \$195,639* in 1998 to \$185,806* in 1999, a decrease of 5.0 percent. The 1998-1999 state change was 1.8 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$128,667* to the 1999 estimate was 3.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.1 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*